

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
February 10, 1992

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on February 10, 1992 at Noon in the Parks and Recreation Department Board Room at 200 South Lamar. Board Members present: Beverly Griffith, Neil Iscoe, Ron Cartlidge, Eliza May, Hayden Brooks, James Crump, and Charlie Gandy. Staff present: Junie Plummer, Butch Smith, Stuart Strong, Mike Heitz, Joe Lessard, Jody Hamilton, Page Graves and Donna Bohls.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Beverly Griffith, Chair.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR ACTION)

Approve Board and Committee Initiatives for 1992 (part of Annual Report for 1991)

James Crump moved and Ron Cartlidge seconded a motion to adopt the following Board and Committee Initiatives for 1992:

Immediate Overall Major Goals for 1992

1. Advocate for passage of the Parks Bond Propositions on the next bond election.
2. Create financial mechanism for receiving and managing private assets to benefit Austin Parks and Parks programming.

Concessions Committee

1. Study expanding train concession as transportation in Zilker Park.
2. Recommend awarding of contracts for:
 - a. Barton Springs Food and Drink Concession
 - b. Row Boat Concession
 - c. Carousel Concession
3. Refine concession policy and submit it to Austin City Council for adoption.

Land and Facilities Committee

1. Complete options for separate Bike Trail on Town Lake.
2. Complete Hike and Bike Trail around Town Lake and connections to other trails.

3. Advocate for regular use of CDBG funding for parks projects.
4. Study the need for additional public access for the Barton Creek greenbelt.
5. Complete Bull Creek greenbelt.

Long Range Three to Five Year Goals

1. Complete all facilities and land acquisitions projects approved by voters in the next bond election utilizing CDBG funds where appropriate.

Navigation Committee

1. Monitor the number of watercraft on Town Lake in order to have information for planning and to prevent overcrowding.
2. Continue working for the removal of safety hazards in Town Lake.
3. Support the increase of at least one additional officer on Lake Austin, particularly during the high level months of activity.
4. Work to develop a plan for the emergency closing of Lake Austin by boat and recreation traffic during emergency situations by the Park Police.
5. Identify safety hazards on Lake Austin by monitoring Lake Austin with Park Police and receiving their input.
6. Study the need for additional public access on Lake Austin.
7. Stress the continued decrease of gasoline powered engines on Town Lake and monitor the use of power boats on the lake. Request electric motors to be used when possible.
8. Decrease the number of waivers issued for the use of gasoline powered boats on Town Lake.

Program Committee

1. Support and coordinate private fund raising for the benefit of PARD's public service goals.
2. Encourage citizen volunteer work in parks, playgrounds, pools and recreation centers working with individuals and organizations such as the Volunteer Center and Red Cross.
3. In order to advise the Manager and Council in a more informed way, review a monthly plan to actual summary of the current budget. The format should compare actual to approved expenditures.
4. Continue to monitor the at-risk youth, and recreation programs to evaluate where community resources can be utilized.
5. Identify ways to work with AISD for joint use of programs and facilities, especially for the summer playground program.

6. Emphasize youth programs for special needs children i.e., wheel chair bound, physical and mental disabilities.
7. Ensure public information staff, assist with all public relation for all youth programs.
8. Encourage involvement with youth athletic council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Make Recommendation on Texas Nature Conservancy Lands in the Upper Bull Creek Watershed

On a motion by Charles Gandy, seconded by Neil Iscoe, the Parks and Recreation Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is one of the top priorities of the Parks and Recreation Board to complete the Bull Creek Greenbelt,

THEREFORE, It is the Parks and Recreation Board's intent to buy 151 acres (the Franklin tract) out of Parks and Recreation Department funds, and other tracts on the Greenbelt for which there is available parks funding.

FURTHER the Parks and Recreation Board encourages the City of Austin to buy the Hanks, Lanier and other tracts out of other City of Austin funds to complete the Greenbelt. A funding alternative would be to offer these other tracts on a future bond proposal to be approved and sold.

This motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve revised Phase II Conceptual Plan for Zachary Scott Theater Center

Girard Kinney, architect on the Zachary Scott Theater project, made a short presentation on the project and answered questions from Board Members regarding the use of parallel parking along the parking lot exit. James Crump moved and Charlie Gandy seconded a motion to approve the revised Phase II Conceptual Plan for Zachary Scott Theater Center. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the business meeting and went on a tour of the upper Bull Creek Greenbelt.

